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In re Application of: DELEYS et al.

Application No.: 10/822871 Filing date: April 13, 2004 Attorney Docket No.: 2551-141

For: SYNTHETIC ANTIGENS FOR THE DETECTION

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PCT LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

DECISION ÓN PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This decision is responsive to the September 23, 2010 petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

On December 13, 1991, applicant filed international application PCT/EP1991/002409 with the receiving Office (RO/EP), which claimed priority to application EP 90124241.2 filed December 14, 1990.

On August 14, 1992, prior to the expiration of 20 months from the earliest priority date, applicant filed a first submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 to commence national stage in the United States, which was assigned U.S. application number 07/920286. Applicant filed a transmittal letter, which indicated an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)), together with the basic national fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and a copy of the international application (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2). On October 14, 1992, applicant filed an executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) along with the requisite surcharge. The requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 were fulfilled on October 14, 1992, as indicated on the Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/EO/EO/903) mailed by the Office on January 6, 1993.

On April 13, 2004, the present application number 10/822871 was filed.

On June 18, 2004, the Office issued an official filing receipt.

On September 23, 2010, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

The petition states that application 07/920286 is a 371 of PCT/EP91/02409 filed December 13, 1991, and requests a corrected filing receipt which reflects this relationship. A review of Office records indicates that U.S. application 07/920276 is the national stage of PCT/EP1991/002409.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons mentioned above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

This application is being returned to the Technology Center Art Unit 1648 for examination. A corrected filing receipt will be mailed in due course.

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